

REMARKS

I. Objection to the Specification

At page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner notes that certain trademarks used in paragraphs [004] and [043] should be capitalized. Applicants note that reference to paragraph [004] should have been to paragraph [003]. Applicants have amended the specification in accordance with the Examiner's comments.

II. Rejection of Claims 63 – 65 Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

At page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 63 – 65 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner noted that a physical storage medium is not a claimed element. Applicants have amended independent claims 63 and 65. In view of the claim amendments, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 63 – 65 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

III. Rejections of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

At pages 7 – 24 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over various cited art with the Publication, "REES: A Large-Scale Relation and Event Extraction System," Proceedings of the Sixth Natural Language Proceedings Conference (ANLP-2000) by Chinatsu Aone and Mila Ramos-Santacruz ("Aone")

Contemporaneously with the Amendment, each of the inventors submits a Rule 132 Declaration declaring that they worked jointly on the subject matter of the Aone publication, that believe themselves to be joint inventors of the subject matter of the Aone publication, and stating why Mr. Bennett was not listed as an author of the Aone publication. Together, these declarations show that the subject matter of the Aone publication is the work of the Applicants who worked jointly to invent the subject matter of the Aone publication.

Consequently, uncontradicted statements from each of the inventors of the subject application show that the subject matter of the Aone publication is not by an entity different from the Applicants and is not prior art to the subject application/

Since each of the rejections of the claims is based on the Aone publication, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections of the claim under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on the Aone publication, and pass this application to allowance.

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